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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ONPREM SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC, a
Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

v.

ONPREM, INC. believed to be an Oregon
Corporation, and DOES 1-10.

Defendants.

Case No.:

COMPLAINT FOR FEDERAL
TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT;
STATE TRADEMARK
INFRINGEMENT; FEDERAL UNFAIR
COMPETITION; STATE UNFAIR
COMPETITION; FEDERAL TRADEMARK
DILUTION; AND STATE TRADEMARK
DILUTION

Plaintiff ONPREM SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC (hereinafter referred to
as "Plaintiff") complains and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action arises under the Lanham Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. §§
1114, 1116, 1117, 1125(a), and 1125(c)); California Business & Professions Code
§§ 14320, 14330, 17200, *et seq.*, and 17500; and California common law.

1 Jurisdiction is proper under 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a) and
2 1338(b). Jurisdiction is also proper pursuant to this Court's supplemental
3 jurisdiction as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1367 in that the state law claims alleged
4 herein are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or
5 controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.
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8 2. Venue is proper in this Judicial District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)
9 and 1391(c) in that Defendants transact business in this Judicial District and a
10 substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims herein occurred
11 within this Judicial District.
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13 THE PARTIES

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15 3. Plaintiff ONPREM SOLUTION PARTNERS, LLC ("Plaintiff") is a
16 Delaware Limited Liability Company, having its principal place of business located
17 at 21700 OXNARD STREET SUITE 950, WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367.
18 Plaintiff is the exclusive owner of the trademarks which form the basis of this
19 action.
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21 4. a. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that
22 Defendant ONPREM, INC. (hereinafter individually "Defendant") is believed to be
23 an Oregon Corporation, having a principal place of business at 2951 NW
24 DIVISION ST STE 110, GRESHAM, OR 97030 and is conducting business in
25 California, including this Judicial District and is likewise conducting specific
26 business complained of in this complaint in California, in this Judicial District.
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1 b. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued
2 herein as DOES 1 - 10, inclusive, and therefore sue said Defendants by such
3 fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege said Defendants'
4 true names and capacities when ascertained.
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6 c. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges that each of
7 the aforementioned Defendants acted at all times alleged herein as the agent,
8 employee, representative, and/or alter ego of the other Defendants; is responsible in
9 some manner for the occurrences alleged herein; and caused the injuries alleged
10 herein.
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13 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS
14 PLAINTIFF AND THE ONPREM MARKS

15 5. Plaintiff provides information and technology consulting services
16 under its well-known ONPREM trademarks.
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18 6. Plaintiff utilizes its ONPREM trademarks in various combinations in
19 connection with its services, online and in advertising to identify them as
20 originating from Plaintiff.
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22 7. Plaintiff's ONPREM mark is extremely well-known. This high level
23 of name recognition among the public gives this mark lucrative appeal.
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25 8. In addition to the longstanding use and goodwill mentioned above,
26 Plaintiff has registered its ONPREM mark at the United States Federal level.
27 Presently, Plaintiff is the owner of the following U.S. Federally Registered
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1 trademarks: No. 4850382 for the mark ONPREM SOLUTION PARTNERS for the
2 following services:

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4 “Advisory services relating to business management and business operations;
5 Business consultation in the field of electronics, telecommunications, consumer
6 industries, entertainment, media, and retail, about business strategy, change
7 management, process management, organization performance, business technology,
8 and business related policy areas; Business consultation services; Business
9 marketing consulting services; Business project management consulting services,
10 namely, predicting project outcomes and modifying project implementation to
11 increase likelihood of success in business transformation projects; Project
12 management in the fields of information systems design, specification, procurement
13 of computer hardware and software for others in Class 35; and

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15 Consulting services in the field of design, selection, implementation and use
16 of computer hardware and software systems for others; Computer software
17 consulting; Consulting services in the design and implementation of computer-
18 based information systems for businesses; Computer hardware and software design;
19 Information technology consulting services; Technical consulting in the fields of
20 computer-based information systems and components thereof in Class 42.”

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22 9. Plaintiff's above referenced trademark is hereinafter referred to as "the
23 ONPREM Mark.”

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25 10. Plaintiff has been using said mark for over four (4) years and has been
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1 using said markss in interstate commerce since at least that same time.

2 11. In addition, as a result of Plaintiff's efforts through advertising,
3 promotions, sales, and customer service, as well as favorable recommendations by
4 Plaintiff's customers, Plaintiff's ONPREM services have achieved enormous
5 popularity among the public. As a result of these efforts and Plaintiff's exclusive
6 use of the ONPREM Marks, the ONPREM Marks have acquired substantial
7 goodwill and secondary meaning, serving as an indicator of Plaintiff as the source
8 of origin of its services.
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10 12. By virtue of the ONPREM Mark's inherent distinctiveness and
11 acquired secondary meaning; the long duration and usage exclusively by Plaintiff of
12 the ONPREM Mark the services; Plaintiff's extensive advertising and publicity of
13 the ONPREM Mark; and the extremely high degree of recognition of the mark in
14 the trading areas and channels of trade used by Plaintiff; the ONPREM Mark, is
15 famous under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c)(1) of the Federal Trademark Dilution Act of
16 1995.
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18 **Defendants' Unlawful Conduct: Trademark Infringement,**

19 **Unfair Competition and Trademark Dilution**

20 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that
21 Defendant markets and sells technology security services, under the identical name
22 ONPREM.
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24 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that
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1 Defendant has advertised its services using the ONPREM mark in national
2 magazines and on the Internet, where consumers confuse its services with
3 Plaintiff's services sold right alongside one another in search results resulting in
4 consumer confusion
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6 15. Defendant has no right, license or other authority from Plaintiff to use
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8 any of the ONPREM Marks for any purpose.

9 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that
10 Defendant knew of the ONPREM Mark and that the same was owned by someone
11 other than themselves; knew that the ONPREM Mark was distinctive and famous;
12 and knew that Defendant had not received any authority from Plaintiff to use the
13 ONPREM Mark or any other mark confusingly similar thereto, for any purposes.
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16 17. Defendant's unlawful activities result in irreparable injury and damage
17 to Plaintiff's reputation.

18 18. Additionally, Defendant's unlawful activities injure the public by
19 depriving the public of the right to be free of confusion in the marketplace.
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21 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that
22 Defendant has deliberately, willfully, and maliciously used the ONPREM Mark in
23 order to trade on the goodwill that Plaintiff has attained in the ONPREM Mark, to
24 dilute the ONPREM Mark and to confuse the public into believing that Defendant's
25 unauthorized use is licensed or authorized by Plaintiff.
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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Federal Trademark Infringement)

20. This claim for relief arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1114 and is alleged against all Defendants.

21. Plaintiff realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 19 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

22. Plaintiff is the owner of the Federally Registered trademarks, including the ONPREM Mark set forth above. This trademark is inherently distinctive and has, in addition, acquired substantial goodwill and secondary meaning.

23. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that Defendants are using marks confusingly similar or identical to the ONPREM Mark.

24. Defendants have not been authorized by Plaintiff to use any ONPREM Marks or any mark similar thereto, for any purpose whatsoever, including the use of the ONPREM Marks in connection with automotive accessories and goods or services related thereto in any manner.

25. Defendants' unauthorized use of the ONPREM Mark or any mark similar thereto is likely to confuse the public as to the source, origin, sponsorship and affiliation of the goods and services sold by Defendant.

26. Defendants' unauthorized use is likely leading the public to believe Defendants' goods are sponsored by Plaintiff, or with the permission, approval or endorsement of Plaintiff.

1 27. Defendants' unlawful activities injure the public by depriving the
2 public of the right to be free from confusion in the marketplace.

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4 28. By reason of this unauthorized use of the ONPREM Mark, Defendants
5 have unlawfully and wrongfully derived, and will continue to unlawfully and
6 wrongfully derive, income and profits from these infringing acts, and Plaintiff has
7 sustained, and will continue to sustain, substantial injury, loss and damage in an
8 amount according to proof.

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10 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that this
11 infringing use by Defendants has been deliberate and willful, entitling Plaintiff to
12 increased damages and attorney's fees.

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14 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, unless
15 restrained and enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to infringe
16 Plaintiff's trademark rights and cause confusion, deception and mistake among the
17 trade and the consuming public as to the source and sponsorship of the goods and
18 services provided and sold by Defendants.

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20 31. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and
21 unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Defendants will
22 continue to use the ONPREM Mark, thus continuing to infringe upon Plaintiff's
23 rights.

24 32. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
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SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(California Trademark Infringement)

33. This claim for relief arises under California Business & Professions Code § 14320 and California common law and is alleged against all Defendants.

34. Plaintiff realleges the allegations in paragraphs 21 through 32 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

35. Plaintiff is the owner of common law trademarks and federally registered trademarks, including the ONPREM Mark set forth above. These trademarks are inherently distinctive and have, in addition, acquired substantial goodwill and secondary meaning.

36. Defendants' unauthorized use of marks confusingly similar to the ONPREM Mark is likely to confuse the public as to the source, origin, sponsorship and affiliation of the goods and services sold by Defendants.

37. Defendants have infringed upon Plaintiff's rights by using marks confusingly similar to the ONPREM Mark in connection with their goods well after Plaintiff had used the ONPREM Mark and made them famous.

38. By reason of this unauthorized use of marks confusingly similar to the Plaintiff's Marks, Defendants have unlawfully and wrongfully derived, and will continue to unlawfully and wrongfully derive, income and profits from these infringing acts, and Plaintiff has sustained, and will continue to sustain, substantial injury, loss and damage in an amount according to proof.

39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, that this infringing use by Defendants has been deliberate and willful, entitling Plaintiff to increased damages and attorney's fees.

40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges, unless restrained and enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to infringe Plaintiff's trademark rights and cause confusion, deception and mistake among the trade and the consuming public as to the source of the services sold by Defendants.

41. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable harm and injury.

42. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Federal Unfair Competition)

43. This claim for relief arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) and is alleged against all Defendants.

44. Plaintiff realleges the allegations in paragraphs 34 through 42 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

45. As alleged previously, Plaintiff is the owner of the ONPREM Mark, which trademarks have acquired substantial goodwill and secondary meaning.

46. As also alleged above, Defendants have used marks confusingly similar to the ONPREM Mark in connection with Defendants' services without

1 permission or authority from Plaintiff.

2 47. Defendants have not obtained from Plaintiff any license or other
3 permission to use any of the ONPREM Mark or marks confusingly similar thereto
4 for any purpose whatsoever.

5 48. Defendants' unauthorized use and registration of marks confusingly
6 similar to the ONPREM Mark, constitutes a false designation of origin and false or
7 misleading representation of fact, which is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or to
8 deceive customers and potential customers as to the source, origin, sponsorship and
9 affiliation of the services sold by Defendants.

10 49. Defendants' above-mentioned use and registration of the ONPREM
11 Mark, and marks confusingly similar thereto constitute violations of Section 43(a)
12 of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)).

13 50. Defendants have unlawfully and wrongfully derived, and will continue
14 to unlawfully and wrongfully derive, income and profits from these acts of false
15 designation of origin and false representation, and Plaintiff has sustained, and will
16 continue to sustain, substantial injury, loss and damage in an amount to be proven
17 at trial.

18 51. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and
19 unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Plaintiff will
20 continue to suffer irreparable harm and injury.

21 52. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(California Unfair Competition)

53. This claim for relief arises under the California Business & Professions Code §§17200, *et seq.* and 17500 and is alleged against all Defendants.

54. Plaintiff realleges the allegations in paragraphs 44 through 52 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

55. Defendants' conduct is unfair and deceptive behavior pursued in the course of their businesses in that their actions were likely to deceive present and potential customers of Defendants and of Plaintiff.

56. Defendants have willfully decided to unfairly compete with Plaintiff by misappropriating Plaintiff's proprietary Mark by unlawfully using a mark confusingly similar to Plaintiff's proprietary mark in an attempt to trade on Plaintiff's goodwill and confuse consumers as to the source, origin, sponsorship and affiliation of the services sold by Defendants.

57. Defendants have unlawfully derived income and profits from their activities and will continue to so derive income and profits from their acts of unfair competition, and Plaintiff has sustained, and will continue to sustain, substantial injury, loss and damage in an amount according to proof.

58. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable harm and injury.

1 67. By reason of this unauthorized use of marks confusingly similar to the
2 ONPREM Mark, Defendants have unlawfully and wrongfully derived, and will
3 continue to unlawfully and wrongfully derive, income and profits from these
4 diluting acts, and Plaintiff has sustained, and will continue to sustain, substantial
5 injury, loss and damage in an amount according to proof.
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8 68. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges that,
9 through this use, Defendants deliberately and willfully intended to trade on the
10 goodwill that Plaintiff has attained in the ONPREM Mark and to cause dilution of
11 the ONPREM Mark, entitling Plaintiff to increased damages and attorney's fees.
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13 69. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges that,
14 unless restrained and enjoined by this Court, Defendants will continue to use marks
15 confusingly similar to the ONPREM Mark, thus continuing to cause the dilution of
16 the ONPREM Mark.
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18 70. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and
19 unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Plaintiff will
20 continue to suffer irreparable harm and injury.
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22 71. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
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24 SIXTH CLAIM OF RELIEF

25 (California Trademark Dilution)
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27 72. This claim for relief arises under California Business & Professions
28 Code § 14330, and is alleged against all Defendants.

1 73. Plaintiff realleges the allegations of paragraphs 61 through 71 of this
2 Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

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4 74. Plaintiff is the owner of common law trademarks, trademarks
5 registered in the state of California, and federally registered trademarks, including
6 the ONPREM Mark set forth above. These trademarks are inherently distinctive
7 and have, in addition, acquired substantial goodwill and secondary meaning and
8 well known and famous.

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10 75. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on such basis alleges that
11 Defendants, with full knowledge of the public recognition of the ONPREM Mark,
12 have used marks confusingly similar to the ONPREM Mark on their services
13 without authorization from Plaintiff after Plaintiff's marks became well known and
14 famous.

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16 76. The aforementioned actions of Defendants have caused, and are likely
17 to continue to cause, injury to Plaintiff's business and professional reputation and to
18 dilute the distinctive quality of the ONPREM Mark in violation of Section 14330 of
19 the California Business & Professions Code.

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21 77. Defendants' activities have caused Plaintiff irreparable injury and
22 unless Defendants' acts are immediately and permanently enjoined, Plaintiff will
23 continue to suffer irreparable harm and injury.

24 78. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

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28 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1 1. That the Court issue a preliminary injunction restraining, enjoining and
2 prohibiting Defendants, and their officers, agents, employees and attorneys, and any
3 person in active concert or participation with them or who are acting under their
4 direction, and each of them, from the following:

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6 (a) diluting the ONPREM Mark and damaging Plaintiff's goodwill,
7 reputation and business related thereto,

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9 (b) using the ONPREM Mark in any manner, and from causing,
10 contributing to or participating in, the unauthorized display and/or distribution of
11 the ONPREM Mark to the public in connection with any service or product,

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13 (c) engaging in conduct which tends falsely to represent or is likely to
14 confuse, mislead or deceive members of the public,

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16 (d) Otherwise unfairly competing with Plaintiff in any manner, and

17 (e) Continuing to perform in any manner whatsoever any of the other acts
18 complained of in this Complaint;

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20 2. That this Court issue a permanent injunction, prohibiting Defendants
21 from directly or indirectly diluting or infringing the ONPREM Mark, and in any
22 manner unfairly competing with Plaintiff; and from inducing, or contributing to or
23 participating in any such acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this prayer;

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25 3. That the Court award Plaintiff its damages from Defendants including
26 recovery of any compensatory damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of
27 Defendants' diluting, infringing and/or tortuous activities described herein;
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1 4. That the Court order Defendants to account for all gains, profits and
2 advances derived by Defendants from the acts complained of, together with
3 appropriate interest thereon;
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5 5. That the Court further award Plaintiff an increase in damages in an
6 amount found or assessed as a result of willful acts of trademark dilution, trademark
7 infringement, and unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. § 1117;
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9 6. That Defendants pay Plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this action,
10 together with reasonable attorneys' fees;
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12 7. That Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages; and

13 8. That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the Court may deem
14 just and proper.
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